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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Clearlake Oaks – CHP Officer Shot and Suspect Detained after Shootout

(U) Two people were killed and three were injured, including a California Highway Patrol officer, in a shooting near a Lake County post office yesterday morning. Lake County Sheriff Brian Martin said it is unclear what prompted the shootings or whether the gunman knew any of the victims. The gunman, identified as 61-year-old Alan Ashmore of Clearlake Oaks, was arrested about 30 minutes after the first shooting report. A CHP officer was also shot in the leg during the incident but is expected to recover. SOURCE: 23 October 2017, CBS Sacramento and Associated Press

(U) Los Angeles – Man Faces up to Five Years after Hacking Hundreds of Accounts

(U) Emilio Herrera, of Chicago, pled guilty in a Los Angeles federal court to hacking more than 550 Apple iCloud and Gmail accounts, including those of celebrities, officials said yesterday. Herrera, the third person to be prosecuted as part of the investigation, fooled hundreds into sending him username and password information by using phishing emails that looked as if they came from Apple, Yahoo, and Hotmail, according to the US attorney's office. Edward Majerczyk of Chicago and Ryan Collins of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, were both previously convicted and sentenced in a similar scheme. SOURCE: 23 October 2017, Los Angeles Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – APT Activity Targeting Energy and Other Critical Infrastructure Sectors

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security issued an alert providing warnings that advanced persistent threats (APTs) are targeting government entities and organizations in the energy, nuclear, water, aviation, and critical manufacturing sectors. The alert contains indicators of compromise and technical details on the tactics, techniques, and procedures used by APT actors on compromised victims' networks. One such APT—"Dragonfly"—has been targeting critical national infrastructure firms, including nuclear power providers, since at least May 2017.

SOURCE: 23 October 2017, InfoSecurity

(U) Florida - Tampa Police Warns of Possible Serial Killer after Three Shootings

(U) Tampa – Police in Florida warned residents of a central Tampa neighborhood not to go out alone after dark as they search for a possible serial killer they believe fatally shot three people in nighttime ambushes over the last two weeks. Police say they think a single killer is behind all three attacks because they happened near to each other at roughly the same time in the evening and without any obvious motive. At least two of the victims were trying to catch a bus when they were shot, according to police. SOURCE: 23 October 2017, Reuters

(U) Pennsylvania – US Attorney General Designates MS-13 a Priority of Law Enforcement

(U) Philadelphia – US Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced yesterday that he has designated MS-13, the violent street gang, as a top priority for a Justice Department task force that focuses on organized crime. The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces involve federal prosecutors from

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the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), as well as other agencies. The designation directs officials to pursue all possible charges during prosecutions, including racketeering, gun, and tax law violations. SOURCE: 23 October 2017, NBC Bay Area

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – ISIS Training Camp Targeted by US Airstrike

(U) Kabul - At least 40 people, including two trainers of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and several suicide bombers were killed in an US airstrike in Nangahar Province on 21 October. The airstrike targeted an ISIS camp in the province used to train suicide bombers. The provincial police confirmed that several weapons, ammunition, and explosives belonging to the group were also destroyed in the airstrike.

SOURCE: 23 October 2017, Khaama Press, Asian News International

(U) Philippines – Head of ISIS in Southeast Asia Confirmed Dead

(U) Marawi – DNA tests have confirmed the death of one of the FBI's most-wanted terror suspects, Isnilon Hapilon, who was killed in a recent battle to quell an ISIS-linked siege in the city of Marawi. The Philippine military also believes that Mahmud bin Ahmad, a top Malaysian militant and close associate of Hapilon, and Omarkhayam Maute, an ISIS commander, were also killed in the Marawi clashes. Hapilon and Maute were among the leaders in a nearly five-month insurrection that has left at least 1,127 people dead, including 915 militants and 165 soldiers and police.

SOURCE: 24 October 2017, Associated Press

(U) United Kingdom – Hackers Steal Data from Top Private Health Clinic

(U) London – A high-profile plastic surgery clinic stated hackers allegedly stole data during a recent cyberattack. The clinic lost control over terabytes of data including private health care data, and the hackers—using the pseudonym The Dark Overlord—has threatened to make the data available online. The hackers also claim the data contains information on "royal families".

SOURCE: 24 October 2017, BBC

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico - One Dead, Eight Wounded in Tijuana Bar Shooting

(U) Tijuana – A shooting on 22 October killed a 19-year-old woman and wounded eight others inside a Tijuana bar near the US-Mexico border. Police apprehended the suspect, "Reynaldo N", and described him as a man in his mid-30s who is linked to the street drug trade and known to frequent Tijuana's Zona Norte. Tijuana law enforcement has seen an unprecedented number of homicides this year and attributes much of the violence to disputes among street drug dealers. The city has registered more than 1,400 homicides in 2017, with 127 occurring this month.

SOURCE: 23 October 2017, San Diego Union-Tribune

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